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Dear USJ Folks,

One citizen's view: The Microsoft offer to settle the class action anti-trust suit should be accepted only with the modification suggested by Red Hat. Otherwise, in it's original form, Microsoft offers nothing --- except a further extention of it's (illegal) monopoly.

We are rather disappointed with the proposed settlement of the original case against Microsoft, considering the resolution something just short of a sellout. But DoJ has an opportunity for at least partial redemption by obtaining a resolution of the instant case in some fashion closer to the Red Hat proposal. And the schools of America would be the beneficiaries.

With sincere wishes for a more free and open market,

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